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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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LAB FILE

File # 9-30861-1
Lab. # D-236548 25

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Examination requested by: SAC, Buffalo (9-200)

Date of reference communication: Airtel 9/24/56 Date received: 9/27/56

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

No ident ALF U.C. Typ: 12.4

Examination by: [redacted]

John. Jones.
My. Sub.
Va. Jm.
M. B.
G. S.
H. S.

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Postcard addressed to "ELVIS PRESLEY MEMPHIS, TENN" and bearing message beginning "If you don't..." and ending "...going to kill you."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUFFALO**

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REPORT MADE AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 9-28-56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-27-56	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] LIT
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION b7C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Anonymous post card addressed to ELVIS PRESLEY at Memphis, Tenn., postmarked 8 PM on 8-30-56, at Niagara Falls, NY, is obscene and contained threat to kill. FBI Lab searched postal card in question through anonymous letter file without identifying it with a prior submission. Facts of case discussed with ASAC, Buffalo, NY, who declined prosecution on grounds that card appeared to be from "arank" and states he would reconsider prosecution in the event victim received additional threatening communications.

DETAILS:

By communication dated September 6, 1956, Postal Inspector in Charge at Chattanooga, Tennessee, furnished an anonymous postal card addressed to ELVIS PRESLEY at Memphis, Tenn., postmarked 8:00 PM on August 30, 1956, at Niagara Falls, New York, to FBI Office at New York City who, in turn, furnished this postal card to the Buffalo Office. This postal card reads as follows:

"If you don't stop this (obscene word)
we're going to kill you."

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- COPIES OF THIS REPORT
- 5 - Bureau (9-20361)
 - 2 - SAC, Buffalo
 - 1 - Memphis (Info)
 - 1 - Buffalo (9-255)

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The above message on the postal card was written in pencil and is printed.

By letter dated September 20, 1956, the FBI Laboratory advised that the hand-printing on the postal card in question was searched through the anonymous letter file without identifying it with a prior submission.

On September 27, 1956, the facts of this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney RICHARD E. MOOT at Buffalo, New York, who advised that in the event the identity of the unsub was obtained, he would decline prosecution inasmuch as the card appears to be from a "crank." Mr. Moot further advised, however, that in the event additional threatening cards or letters were received by the victim, he should be advised and additional consideration would be given him to the prosecution of the person involved.

It is being pointed out that the complete text of the message on the postal card, including the obscene word, was furnished to Mr. Moot.

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SECRET

Postcard postmarked Niagara Falls, N. Y., 8 PM, 8/30/56

Addressed to: "ELVIS PRESLEY, Memphis, Tenn"

Containing message: "IF YOU DON'T STOP THIS
SHIT WE'RE GOING TO KILL YOU."

It is noted this card was handwritten in pencil.

SECRET

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ATTACHED

negative
~~ENCLOSURE~~

BEING RETAINED.

ROOM # 224A

FD-36 (2-2-55)

FBI

DATE 9/14/56

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Transmit the following message via

AIR MAIL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

From SAC, BUFFALO (9-New)

To BUREAU, WITH FBI LABORATORY

SUBJ: ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Enclosed is an anonymous postcard addressed to
ELVIS PRESLEY at Memphis, Tennessee, postmarked
8:00 PM, 8/30/56, at Niagara Falls, New York.

It is requested that this postcard be searched
through the Anonymous Letter File.

Buffalo is instituting appropriate investigation.

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 1) AIR MAIL REGISTERED
- 1 - Memphis (Regular Mail)
- 1 - Buffalo

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[1 - Bureau]

[1 - Memphis]

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REPORT
OF THE

FBI

LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Re SAC, Buffalo

September 29, 1956

Re UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
ELVIS PRESLEY - VICTIM
MURDER

[Signature]
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LAB. NO.

Examination requested by: Buffalo

Reference: Airtel 9/14/56

Examination requested: Document

Specimens

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Q1 Post card postmarked "Niagara Falls, N.Y. 8 PM AUG 30 1956" addressed to "ELVIS PRESLEY MEMPHIS, TENN" and bearing message beginning "If you don't..." and ending "...going to kill you."

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The questioned hand printing on specimen Q1 was compared through the Anonymous Letter File without identifying it with a prior submission. A photograph of this specimen will be added to this file for future reference.

Specimen Q1 is returned herewith.

(1) - Registered Mail

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

FEB 26 1960

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/19/60

FROM : *APV* LEGAT, BONN (64-859)

SUBJECT: - Changed:

- LAURENZ JOHANNES GRIESSEL-LANDAU
POLICE COOPERATION
FOREIGN MISCELLANEOUS

1. - 1112 J. Landau

The title in this case has been changed to reflect the correct name of the subject as reported by the Provost Marshal Division.

Rebucable to Bonn 12/30/59, entitled "LAURENY LANDAU, PCFM."

Information concerning the subject was furnished to this office by the Provost Marshal Division, Hqs., U.S. Army, Europe, with the indication that they wished to avoid any publicity in this matter since they did not want to involve ELVIS PRESLEY nor put him in an unfavorable light since PRESLEY had been a first-rate soldier and had caused the Army no trouble during his term of service. The information furnished by the Provost Marshal Division in a self-explanatory memorandum classified For Official Use Only is enclosed. Seven Photostats of letters from GRIESSEL-LANDAU to PRESLEY or to one of PRESLEY'S secretaries are also enclosed.

Foregoing is provided for information purposes.

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MEMORANDUM

3 February 1960

1. Elvis Presley was interviewed on 28 December 1959 concerning his complaint that he was the victim of blackmail by a Mr. Laurens Johannes GRIESSEL-LANDAU, of Johannesburg, South Africa. GRIESSEL-LANDAU represents himself to be a doctor specialist in the field of Gernatology. GRIESSEL-LANDAU is not a medical doctor.

2. Copies of letters from GRIESSEL-LANDAU to Presley and Presley's private secretary were obtained on loan basis so that they could be photographed.

3. On or about 27 November 1959, GRIESSEL-LANDAU appeared at the residence of Elvis Presley in Bad Nauheim, Germany and began his treatments. These treatments took place in Presley's quarters in the presence of two female secretaries (both U. S.). The treatment involved Presley's shoulders and face.

4. Presley reports that GRIESSEL-LANDAU made several homosexual advances to some of his enlisted friends. GRIESSEL-LANDAU also is alleged to have admitted to Presley that he is bi-sexual. His first homosexual experiences took place early in his life in the orphanage in which he was brought up.

5. On 24 December 1959 Presley decided to discontinue the skin treatments. At the time that he told GRIESSEL-LANDAU of this decision he also thoroughly censured GRIESSEL-LANDAU for embarrassing him as a result of the improper advances that he (GRIESSEL-LANDAU) made to his (Presley's) enlisted friends. GRIESSEL-LANDAU immediately went into a fit of rage, tore up a photo album of Presley's, and threatened to ruin his singing career and to involve Presley's American girl friend (a 16 year old daughter of an Air Force captain). GRIESSEL-LANDAU further threatened to expose Presley by photographs and tape recordings which are alleged to present Presley in compromising situations. Presley assures us that this is impossible since he never was in any compromising situations. Presley contends that GRIESSEL-LANDAU is mentally disturbed. This is based upon the fits GRIESSEL-LANDAU has had and on his statements concerning the shock treatments he has been taking..

6. By negotiation, Presley agreed to pay GRIESSEL-LANDAU \$200.00 for treatments received and also to furnish him with a \$315.00 plane fare to London, England. GRIESSEL-LANDAU agreed to depart to England on 25 December 1959 at 1930 hours from Frankfurt, Germany. GRIESSEL-LANDAU did not leave as agreed, rather returned and demanded an additional \$250.00, which Presley paid. A day later GRIESSEL-LANDAU made a telephonic demand for 2,000 £ for the loss of his practice which he closed in Johannesburg, South Africa prior to his departure for Bad Nauheim to treat Presley.

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MEMORANDUM (Contd)

3 February 1960

7. GRIESSEL-LANDAU finally departed Rhein-Main Air Field, Frankfurt, Germany at 1600 hours, 6 January 1960 on Flight 491, British European Airway for London, England under the name of GRIESSEL. He is alleged to be seeking entry into the United States. No contact between Presley and GRIESSEL-LANDAU has been reported since 5 January.



WARREN H. METZNER
Major, MPC
Chief, Investigations Branch

Laurie Landau,

Salon de Fleurs.

603/4/5 Clinical Centre.

6/0 Plain & Wandering Stems,

Johnnysburg.
South Africa.
9th/10/59.

Dear Miss St. John

Dear Mr. Simpson
In reply to
Your letter of the 6th October, I
would like to give you the
following information regarding
my treatment. There are several
substances used in my Acrom therapy
treatments for the sake of their
Remedial, Therapeutic and Regenerative
properties. I have recently received the
World Patent Rights of this formula and
the treatments may be given advantageously
to people of any skin type and I
would say it is very acceptable to

people suffering from oily skin, enlarged pores, acne scars and wrinkles - covered etc; and I expect Mr Ellis Presley to benefit from this scientific method and to receive great satisfaction as others have received. It has given me great pleasure to receive your enlightening and most welcome letter and from the innermost recesses of my heart I would welcome the opportunity to treat Mr Presley. Mr Ellis Presley's treatments will be exactly the same as those based on the aromatherapy technique practised in my Salon - through the odorous part of flowers, aromatic plants and resins, and that of roses, carnations orange blossoms, ylang-ylang, Camomile, Cinnamon, rosewood, sandalwood etc; the treatments help to vitalize the skin cells and structure

Intermittent

for the Epidermis - which is continuously being discarded. The Method employed improves the penetration in the Epidermis of the odoriferous Substances by a method which are efficacious but not violent. Before the actual treatment starts a short preliminary Massage will leave the skin more receptive. This is accomplished with the aid of a special Cream of most essential oils and finest ingredients which accomplishes a deep cleansing as it contains special Emulsifiers. By using special Methods in Massage and Warmth, I aid the skin so that the essential oils are readily assimilated by the Tissues. The skin Tissues become activated and infused with new life and the texture of the skin is improved. The Complexion more alive,

to Epidermis more elastic. The shape of the Face and features assume their youthful positions. This is to be understood because from a scientific point of view it can be proved that in these essential oils and ingredients combined exist a great Number of free Electrons. (and Nature provides for this) These Electrons which are responsible for the odor of certain perfectly organized Molecules can penetrate the Epidermis and by infusing the epidermis with odoriferous Molecules one injects Biological Energy - i.e. or in other words New Life. Mr Chris Trester can thus rest assured that his Treatments will be individualized - that is to say - adapted to suit the skin type or Epidermis. I am now busy preparing the treatment and composing

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mixture of the essential oils and extracts that will suit his particular skin, the Treatment will be most efficacious for Enlarged pores-oily skin and any blemish which will become less visible as the weeks move on into months.

Then too, there can be no possible bad effect to the skin in the future years but instead if Mr. Elvis Presley decides to follow a certain routine or rather make use of My special aromatherapy mixture which he will use at age but instead become as handsome as I would like him to be. "So, Mr. Presley please don't worry about the small wrinkles on your forehead. You will not age. One or two Cures a Year will keep the skin in perfect Condition. 1st Cure consists of a Series of 10, 18 or 20 Treatments once or twice

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a week according to the demands of the particular case. The revitalized skin permits perfect Make-up. A great asset to actresses and actors whose faces exposed to powerful flood lights must always be in perfect Condition in order to retain a smooth Make-up. The Treatment will therefore be a boon & a blessing for Mr. Presley and as you have stated: "quote: 'He feels that there can possibly be an improvement in his skin when he returns to the States' Well Mrs. Stefanich. Why Not? I can only suggest that Mr. Elvis Presley should start these treatments as quickly as possible. & you can convey my message of appreciation to Mr. Presley in the interest he has shown. and he has my joy & love

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Honour that I will not misplace
 the Trust in me to keep this very
 Confidential.

You have asked me to
 give you a prompt reply and how
 I would like to arrange the matter
 Well, Miss Stefaniak I am due
 to go back to our Farm within
 the next 2 weeks and as my lectures
 are going on the Market I intend
 having a short rest. So, I am free
 to treat Mr. Ellis Presley and can
 leave by air for Bad Nauheim
 Germany as soon as it is convenient.
 and if Mr Presley is quite satisfied
 I'll come along immediately He
 desires it. I shall await your
 reply to the letter and if Mr
 Presley desires it I'll send you
 an overland telegram before I leave

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but; on the other hand a Telegram
 is not a very secret thing as the
 telegraph administration and Post Office
 workers follow up the particulars which
 we learn to know things. I could however
 address a telegram to you in order
 to inform you when I'm due to leave
 would that be in order?

Furthermore Miss Stefaniak, I
 don't intend charging Mr Presley for
 the treatments until it is successful.
 But I would expect my air passage
 return to be paid or rather that I
 be reimbursed subsequently. before
 my return to South Africa if it so
 please Mr Presley then too, as my
 treatment takes about two months
 and two weeks duration. I would
 also expect my accommodation to be
 provided for during that time.

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This request I am not expecting
 Lavish treatment. Mr. Ellis Presley's
 treatments could be carried out in
 the privacy of his abode or in a
 suitable hotel room allowing for
 strict privacy. In this respect I
 should best leave all the arrange-
 ments to you after we have discussed
 the matter. The amount of treatment
 I'm going to give Mr. Presley also
 depends on the Reaction I will
 get after each treatment, depending
 too on the equal balance between
 the acid and oil content of the skin
 and alternatively on the equal balance
 between the alkaline & moisture content.
 I will work towards that end and
 in order to achieve and to create a
 New healthy skin - time & patience
 is required and I do realize that

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Mr. Presley - owns the admirable
 qualities of tolerance and patience
 and I would add Endurance; else how
 could he have achieved, whilst these
 suitable arrangements will have to be
 made and I'm sure you will be
 able to make suitable appointments
 at the right time. The treatments
 last from about One to Two
 and a half hours depending once
 again on the Reaction I get. It
 will surprise you to hear that the
 better the reaction the longer the
 treatment last.

Concludingly. Please convey
 my heart felt appreciation to Mr.
 Ellis Presley.

I shall also be very appreciative
 if you will again forward me a
 reply at your earliest convenience
 Thanking you for sincerely yours.

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Post Script.

Dear Miss Stefaniak,

On Second Thought I'll let you
 and Mr Presley know what
 my Bank's address is. In case
 Mr Presley cares to send the
 Bank a sum of money for my
 Journey. My Bank is Barclays
 Bank D.O. - (registered limited
 bank with which is amalgamated,
 The National Bank of South Africa
 Limited, there are several branches
 within Johannesburg. I am Banking
 with the "Bree Street Post Branch
 Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa.
 Furthermore, Mr Presley could
 get in touch with My Solicitor
 Mr D.I. Gordon who is a lawyer

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of Reports. Address:- Mr D.I.
 Gordon 98 Security Buildings
 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg.
 Nevertheless I made certain
 Enquiries by Trek Airways
 Pty Ltd Aircraft Operators
 passengers etc address: Yorkshire
 House 150 Rissik and Marshall
 Streets, Box 2758, Johannesburg
 and they informed me that
 the air passage to Germany
 via Dusseldorf will cost
 me £200 Return and £105
 Single. From Dusseldorf arrangement
 will be made to take me
 to Bad Nauheim. Better still
 however would be if you
 people arrange it and send
 my ticket from the Trek Airways
 Office in Dusseldorf and at

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one and the same time Request
 the "Trek" office to inform their
 Johannesburg Branch about the
 ticket and arrangements. In that
 case please send the Ticket of
 by Registered Post. There is a 10%
 reduction on a Return ticket but;
 if Mr Elvis Presley deems it
 best a single ticket could be
 forwarded at the start. I mention
 this to you as I'm a little
 bit out of funds having paid
 for recent Sony Recordings as
 I'm bringing some of my songs
 to Mr Elvis Presley where I've
 composed. Then too I've had to
 buy farm equipment. Car tyres
 and things in general, also the paying
 of Income Tax etc. Therefore
 please explain the matter

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to Mr Elvis Presley. who will
 understand Reason
 Thanking you. & hoping
 for a early favourable Reply.
 Yrs; Truly,
 Laurie J. Landau.

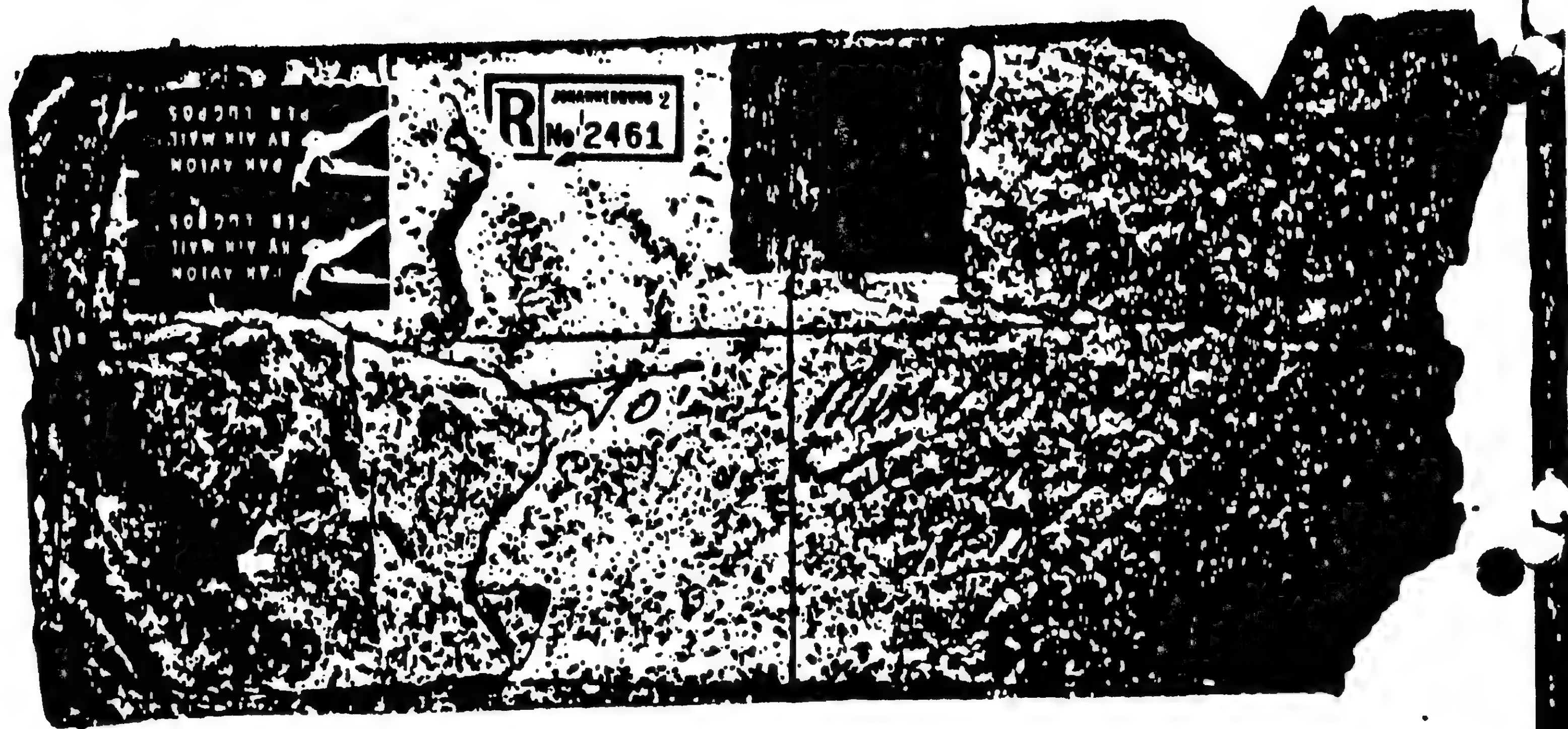
Post Script.

Miss Stefaniak, Attached please
find a few nice pages all
about Elvis - "THE STAR OF
THE CENTURY!" I would
not like to see him grow
older and who would?
(Page 7) I clearly noticed the
wrinkles on Mr. Presley's
forehead & made a note of
it to you.

With Every Best Wish.

Yrs. Truly,
Lawrence J. Anderson

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NB Please not new address.

I dauring: Landau.

to Mrs M. E. Landau.

"ElandsKraal Farm,

P. O. Mooivooi

Via-Pretoria.

Transvaal.

South Africa.

26/10/59.

To Mr Elvis Presley.

Dear Elvis,

Trusting that

This note reaches You in good health
and in fine spirits. May I inform
You that I have cancelled many
New bookings. and that I have
Completed all arrangements
for my departure to Germany.

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and I shall meet you upon
your return from wildflicker
so that you will be able to
start with your treatments almost
immediately.

Also I feel honored
and very privileged in having
been chosen for this important
task. In fact I am greatly
enthused in my mission and
assure you, as you are soon
to see, that I am going to
work wonders with your skin.

It is certainly my cherished
ambition to give you a complete
new skin and I swear to achieve
this within the shortest possible

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Time. I shall spare myself no efforts in this direction.

Please convey to your very good and charming secretary my sincerest thanks for all her kind attentions. - As you would say with your sense of humour "Miss Postage Stamp" must be over-worked what with all the Mail. - Bless Her.

Enclosed find latest clipping from our Weekend Local Paper.

Our kindest & best wishes.

Yrs; Truly,

Laurel

Lawrence / London
60 Pitt St
Chancery Lane
PO. Windsor
Via - Petroia,
Transatlantic
South Africa
6/1/57

Dear Miss Stefania,

not having
had a reply to my last letter, though
I would write and let you know
that I have now made all the
arrangements to proceed to Germany.
I have in the meantime provided
for my fare from this end - so that
if you have already arranged
for same from Germany you
should let me know immediately.
Should I not hear from you
within the next few days - to say
that it is too early to leave
in view of what you say in
your letter, - then I shall proceed
to Germany & cable you when

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to expect Mr. I'm looking
forward to being of service
to Mr. Pockey and have no
doubt that I shall surprise him
with the results.

Enclosed is a Photo of our
Elvis out of an Italian Periodical.
Then too I'm sending you
'Show Biz' in which you'll see my
advertisement. I'm also enclosing
4 References from Ladies I have
Treated & will put you more
in future if Required.

Thanking you in anticipation
I am, Mrs. Stefania,
Yours Sincerely,
Lauren

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Port Script

Dear Mrs,

An International
Passport has been issued
to me and all arrangements
have been made waiting

Your further instructions.
with best wishes
Thanking you,

Yr. truly,
Lauren

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PAR AVION
BY AIR MAIL
PER LUGPOS

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JOHANNESBURG

No 2082



To: Mr & Mrs Kelly,
c/o Miss E. Stefaniak.
Geethe Straße 14.
Bad Nauheim, Germany
Hessen

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To: Mr. Elvis Presley
of Memphis
God You Know

Dear Elvis, I sincerely
Trust that this Epistle finds
you in the Pink of Health
and in High Spirits, trying
too. That you are stepping
up nicely in the army. We
are all looking forward to
your return to civilian life
and are proud to have you
Representing the Army.

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Secretary Miss Stefanish & I
Trust that you will peruse
them and kindly take
notice of what some of my
clients I have to say. As you
can see by the Attached
advertisement in Film World
"A Brev. of Ladies have received
Satisfaction" and I might as well
add I always give Satisfaction.
Elvis. Once again I beg of you
to allow me to be of great
service to you and let me
know when to come.

Enclosed please find two
More recent References from
Two Satisfied Ladies.

Concludingly, I wish to
Let you know that I have given
up my business and cancelled
many new Bookings in order
to do for Elvis. Please
Don't disappoint me, as I
won't be able to get over it easily.
Thank you & God bless you.
Yrs. Sincerely Laurins.

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"P
Lauring" Landau
Hotel Rue
Bad Nauheim.

Dear Mr Elvis Presley

I wrote the
attached letter on a Solicitors
instructions here in Bad Nauheim

But, I have decided since
this morning: Sunday the 27/12/59 Not
to take action against you

I am deeply sorry for you and
know & feel that you miss something
big in life, then so, it's Unchristian
to take anyone to court & I will just
have to make up the loss and make

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The Very most of a Bad Situation
and what all over again with a New Son.
One must also have consideration
for those who suffered a Bereavement
as the attached article Markett
states. You have lost a Mother
and since this is your second
year in the Army & since
you have had to go through
so much in life I sympathize
with you & forgive you. I'm only sorry
you had no time for my treatment of longer duration.
Yes, we must be forgiving one
to another - that's how it goes. Regards
to Elizabeth and wish you all happiness.
I am leaving God Nahrung for
a better time and wish you every
Success & Happiness in the future. try & keep
up the fight. Bless you. Yours truly, Lauritz

28/12/54

Dear Elvis,

Don't worry about this letter

Now I have been very lost

Because things did not turn out

the way I expected. and as you had

more time for the other things which

interest you most. - I could not carry on.

I get Results Well, as I've said there

is no ill feeling anymore and I

wish you Well. and that goes

for Elizabeth, Lamar, Rex, Cliff, Vee

Dee, your Dad - Vernon, Grandma & your

friends. Good Luck to Elvis.

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